

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is provided herewith to facilitate prosecution of the application. Additionally, a marked reproduction of the original specification, showing changes effected in the substitute specification, is submitted herewith.

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by underlining, strikeouts, or double bracketing.

An electrooptical element is disclosed, made from a crystal [(4)], for an electrooptical modulator (EOM), for example, a Pockels cell, comprising a housing [(5)], with the crystal [(4)] arranged therein in the form of a vertical cylinder, the both end surfaces of which form a front plane, for entry of a light beam and an outlet plane [(41)], at a separation from the above, with an annular electrode [(1)] in contact with each of the above and with a retainer, between the housing [(5)] and both the outer region of the crystal [(4)] and the two annular electrodes [(1)]. The invention is characterized in that the retainer is embodied as an O-ring [(2)], concentrically enclosing each annular electrode [(1)] and forming a closed annular chamber between itself and the housing [(5)], made from an electrically-conducting material and a hardened sealing compound [(3)], filling the annular chamber.